

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF BASTROP, TEXAS DESIGNATING 1302 CHESTNUT STREET
AS THE BASTROP FARMER'S MARKET TO OPERATE AS A COMMUNITY
MARKET AND SPECIAL EVENT VENUE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND
LEADERSHIP OF THE CITY OF BASTROP MAIN STREET PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop, Texas, ("City"), is a Home Rule municipality incorporated and operating under the Laws of the State of Texas and, accordingly, it has been granted full legal authority to enact regulations to further the public health, safety and welfare, and

WHEREAS, the City has a rich and exciting history, with many food related industries, businesses and interests being one of the City's unique identities and strengths; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2013, in consideration of the development and promotion of "culinary tourism" the City Council designated a portion of the downtown as the "Bastrop Culinary District" (Culinary District); and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Culinary District is to recruit, develop, retain, and support businesses that are related to cooking and food, growing food, packaging food, preserving food, and preparing and marketing food, including by way of example, restaurants, gourmet stores, coffee shops, tearooms, ice-cream parlors, cheese shops, kitchenware stores, kitchen furnishings and supplies, and dinner ware; and

WHEREAS, in support of the Culinary District, the City Council would like to establish the "Bastrop Farmers Market" to provide the citizens of Bastrop, local restaurants and visitors to the area, the opportunity to purchase fresh, locally grown produce and, provide farmers in Bastrop County an opportunity to sell their products locally, and benefit local businesses.

WHEREAS, the Bastrop Main Street Program Advisory Board has determined that there is community support for the Bastrop Farmers Market through surveys of the locally owned restaurants and food-related businesses in the downtown historic district;

WHEREAS, the Bastrop Main Street Program aims to make a community market, where residents and visitors can gather year round, for a variety of activities as well as special events.

WHEREAS, the Economic Vitality Committee of the Bastrop Main Street Program Advisory Board will oversee the organization and implementation of the Bastrop Farmers Market and will be permitted to act as volunteers for the benefit of the Bastrop Farmers Market.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, THAT THE CITY OF BASTROP:

- Part 1: Designates a tract of land in the City of Bastrop, adjacent to the Convention Center located at 1302 Chestnut Street and incorporated herein for all purposes, as the Bastrop Farmer’s Market and that those portions designated will be promoted, advertised, and marketed in a manner consistent with such designation with an emphasis on attracting and retaining businesses and customers that are consistent with and complimentary to such designation.
- Part 2: Endorses the Bastrop Farmers Market’s goal of providing the sale of fresh, locally grown produce, provide farmers an opportunity to sell their products locally, benefit local businesses, and support the Culinary District by contributing to the overall goal of increased tourism and enhancing the frequency and experience of visitors to the City of Bastrop.
- Part 3: Appoints the Economic Vitality Committee of the Bastrop Main Street Program Advisory Board to oversee and manage the Bastrop Farmers Market, with appropriate oversight by the City Manager.
- Part 4: Acknowledges and agrees that the members of the Economic Vitality Committee may act as volunteers for the benefit of the Bastrop Farmers Market.
- Part 5: Authorizes the Main Street Program Director to rent the property at 1302 Chestnut Street to groups, organizations, businesses and individuals for special events.
- Part 6: Requests all residents of the City and County of Bastrop, Texas, and especially those citizens who own property or businesses within the District, to support, promote and help maintain activities and events that will support the Bastrop Farmers Market and the Culinary District.
- Part 7: Provides that, notwithstanding the designation of the tract of the City, shown on Exhibit “A” as the Farmers Market, asserts that the City may cancel this right of use at any time to support the best interests of the City.
- Part 8: Authorizes the Mayor to sign and submit this Resolution, related to the City’s approval and certification of the Bastrop Farmers Market, as a demonstration of the Council’s support thereof.
- Part 9: The terms of this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage of this Resolution, subject to publication as required by State law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 24th day of May, 2016.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR KEN KESSELUS

ATTEST:

 Ann Franklin

Ann Franklin, City Secretary

Approved as to Form:

 Jo-Christy Brown

Jo-Christy Brown, City Attorney